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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 UNITED SPECIALTY INSURANCE  
12 COMPANY,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 FBT, INC., et al.,

16 Defendants.

) Case No.: 1:21-cv-0113- NONE JLT  
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) ORDER DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COURT  
) TO CLOSE THIS ACTION AS TO  
) DEFENDANTS JOHN HENRY HOUGH AND  
) REBECCA HOUGH AND TO UPDATE THE  
) DOCKET

) (Doc. 24)  
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17 Plaintiff filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal, indicating the company dismissed the claims  
18 against defendants John Henry Hough and Rebecca Hough without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41.  
19 (Doc. 24) Pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A), “the plaintiff may dismiss an action without a court order by  
20 filing . . . a notice of dismissal before the opposing party serves either an answer or a motion for  
21 summary judgment.” Because defendants have not appeared or filed an answer, the action was  
22 automatically terminated. *Id.* Thus, the Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to close this action only as to  
23 Defendants John Henry Hough and Rebecca Hough and update the docket.  
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25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: May 20, 2021

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston

27 CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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